



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Hugh H. TROUT, et al.** **Art Unit: 3731**
Application Serial No.: **10/667,521** **Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano**
Filed: **September 23, 2003**
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING FLUID LOSS**
 DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE
Attorney Docket #: **23660-00656** **Confirmation No. 1449**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action
mailed June 12, 2007, Applicants submit the following response.
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